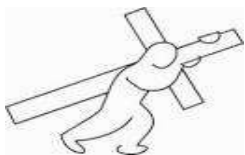


WORTH PARISH*St Nicholas, Worth & St Barnabas, Pound Hill*

Jesus said, 'If any want to become my followers..



...take up your cross and follow me.'

Sunday August 31st 2014
Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

Welcome to our churches today.

If you have time afterwards, please stay for refreshments.

At the Distribution of Communion all are welcome to come to the altar rail to receive a blessing or, if baptised, the Communion.

Children are welcome at all our services, and there are soft toys and children's books at the back of the church for their use.

SERVICES TODAY

08.00 Holy Communion (BCP)

at St Nicholas

Celebrant: Canon Anthony Ball

Preacher: Revd Steve Burston

9.45 Sung Eucharist at St Nicholas

Celebrant & Preacher: Canon Anthony Ball

10.00 Eucharist at St Barnabas

Celebrant & Preacher:

Revd Susan Suddaby

Next week's Readings

Ezekiel 33. 7 - 11

Psalms 119. 33 - 40

Romans 13. 8 - 14

Matthew 18. 15 - 20

The Curate writes:-

Our readings offer us an amazingly tough task. If anyone says that being a Christian is easy and just a crux for the weak then they should look at the enormous challenge of Romans 12 and the sometimes heaviness of Christ's Cross.

Yes, Christian Faith does offer us comfort in difficult times but it also issues us with enormous challenges to be ambassadors and imitators of Christ as a witness for others. Not to earn God's favour but because we have been given the undeserved gift of Grace that allows us to be forgiven and walk free.

Only reflecting on my day at Worth School, the Spirit brought to mind my anger towards motorists as I cycled, my annoyance that my coffee was cold and pride that I was a member of the clergy - and that was only in five minutes!

Indeed, it is only by asking for the Spirit's help daily that we can continue to pick up Christ cross and be His light in the darkness.

Blessing. Steve.



READINGS for the day.

Collect:

O God, you declare your almighty power most chiefly in showing mercy and pity: mercifully grant to us such a measure of your grace, that we, running the way of your commandments, may receive your gracious promises, and be made partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

Jeremiah 15. 15 - 21

A Reading from the Prophet Jeremiah

O Lord, you know; remember me and visit me, and bring down retribution for me on my persecutors. In your forbearance do not take me away; know that on your account I suffer insult. Your words were found, and I ate them, and your words became to me a joy and the delight of my heart; for I am called by your name, O Lord, God of hosts. I did not sit in the company of merrymakers, nor did I rejoice; under the weight of your hand I sat alone, for you had filled me with indignation. Why is my pain unceasing, my wound incurable, refusing to be healed?

Truly, you are to me like a deceitful brook, like waters that fail. Therefore, thus says the Lord: If you turn back, I will take you back, and you shall stand before me. If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless, you shall serve as my mouth. It is they who will turn to you, not you who will turn to them.

And I will make you to this people a fortified wall of bronze; they will fight

against you, but they shall not prevail over you, for I am with you to save you and deliver you, says the Lord. I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked, and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless.

Psalm 26 1 - 8

SECOND READING

Romans 12. 9 - 21

A Reading from Paul's Letter to the Romans.

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honour. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, 'Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.' No, 'if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads.' Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

GOSPEL

Matthew 16. 21 - 28

A Reading from the Gospel according to Matthew.

From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, 'God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you.' But he turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling-block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.'

Then Jesus told his disciples, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?

'For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.'

Post Communion

Lord of all mercy, we your faithful people have celebrated that one true sacrifice which takes away our sins and brings pardon and peace: by our communion keep us firm on the foundation of the gospel and preserve us from all sin; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

SERVICES during nest week

St Nicholas

Mon – Fri 07.30 Morning Prayer
Sat 08.30 Morning Prayer

St Barnabas

Mon – Sat 17.00 Evening Prayer

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**Tues** 10.30 Eucharist - St Barnabas  
11.00 Home Communion –

Lanehurst Gardens

**Thurs** 10.30 Eucharist – St Nicholas  
**Sat** 12.00 Holy Matrimony–St Nicholas  
16.00 Holy Matrimony-St Nicholas

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Services next Sunday

Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

08.00 Holy Communion (BCP)
- St Nicholas
09.45 Sung Eucharist - St Nicholas
10.00 Eucharist - St Barnabas
11.30 Nic's All-age – St Nicholas

Did you know....that in October / November the names on our Chantry List (anniversary of death) prayed for each week are renewed ? Look out for the sheets at the back of church then to record a loved one whose anniversary you would like remembered.



Parish Eucharist at St Nicholas
September 14th with Bishop Mark
of Horsham

Please note

8.00am Holy Communion service on
September 14th will be held at
St Barnabas and NOT at St Nicholas

NOTICES

Friday lunches in the Pastoral Centre.

Please purchase tickets by **Sept. 2nd** for **September 5th** (01293 **883388**)

Two courses plus tea/coffee **£5.50**

TODAY Sunday August 31st –

St Barnabas 'congregational meeting' will take place after the **10.00am** service, everyone welcome.

Thursday September 4th St Nicholas

Circle meets again. **8.00pm** at the Pastoral Centre, Frances Mwale, from Crawley's Street Pastors (a local Christian Group) will give an illustrated talk about her work, making a positive difference on Crawley's streets. Everyone welcome.

Saturday September 6th 10.00 – 11.45

Saturday Markets return in the Pastoral Centre. Pop in for a drink, chat & bargain.

Sunday September 7th – St Nicholas

congregational meeting will take place after the **8.00am** service at 8.45am everyone welcome.

Sunday September 7th 4.00pm

Festival Choir rehearsals begin in **St Nicholas** church, sign up sheet at the back of churches. Concert will be on the eve of Saturday, November 1st and is in commemoration of the start of WW1.

Questionnaire Forms

Please complete and return the blue Questionnaire Forms, which you have either collected from church or had emailed directly to you, by **September 8th** to enable us to know how we can help to meet your needs within the Parish.
Thank you.

Raffle Tickets in aid of church funds are on sale NOW - don't forget to buy yours. £1 per ticket, £5 per book. Draw will take place on September 27th at **St Nicholas Open Day**.

Jars of Grace labels are available from **today** for those who wish to participate and raise funds for UNICEF during September.

DIARY NOTES

Tuesday September 9th Pilgrim Course

restarts at 7.30pm in the Garden Room at the Rectory. Food for thought ? 'The Commandments'. New friends welcome.

Saturday September 13th – Parish

Quiet Day "Being the Church in the World" 11.00 - 3.30 at **St Barnabas**

(coffee from 10.30 in the Pastoral Centre) Ploughman's Lunch will be available. To be led by Revd Gordon Parry.

Please **'Sign-up'** today.

Saturday September 20th Coffee

Morning & Market in aid of **Macmillan Cancer Care**. 10.00 - 11.45 in the Pastoral Centre. Please come & support us.

Sunday October 19th – St Nicholas

'congregational meeting' will take place after the **9.45am** service, everyone welcome.

This week's fact

Wednesday September 3rd

Not only the Anniversary of the start of our involvement in WWII but also the Feast Day of Gregory the Great.

He was born in 540, became Pope on September 3rd 590 and died March 12th 604.

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